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Free crime prevention presentations available to summer youth programs by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office

(Indianapolis, Ind.) The Marion County Prosecutor's Office is encouraging community centers and other organizations that host summer youth camps to include free crime prevention information in their programming. The Prosecutor's Office provides presentations and information designed for young audiences to any organization in Marion County.

"Summer camp organizers and those who work with youth are encouraged to take advantage of these free programs and offer their young participants a chance to discuss the challenges they face in daily life and resources for addressing those concerns," Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry emphasized. "Summer camps should be a time for fun, but it can also be a critical opportunity for responsible adults to model behaviors, mentor, and talk with young people about their personal safety and responsibilities."

The following presentations and programs are available upon request:

PROJECT CYBERSAFE – A one-hour interactive presentation on the dangers of online behavior, protecting personal information on social media and the legal consequences of cyberbullying are some of many topics covered in this timely presentation. *Target Audiences: Elementary to 13-year-olds / Teen: 14 to 18-year-olds*

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS – A one-hour presentation which teaches teens how to recognize the potential signs of dating violence. *Target Audience: 10 to 18-year-olds*

EDUCATING KIDS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE (EKG) – A presentation on the legal, medical and emotional consequences of gun possession and related gun violence. Presented in partnership with Eskenazi Health. *Target Audience: 10 to 18-year-olds*

CHOICES NOT CHANCES - An online decision tree developed by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to help young people understand the possible legal, educational, and medical consequences of their decisions. Scenarios involve teen dating violence, gangs, and gun violence. This online-based program with a script for adult facilitation can be accessed at www.indy.gov/ChoicesNotChances. *Target Audience: 10 to 18-year-olds*

For more information, please contact the Marion County Prosecutor's Office at MCPO@indy.gov or (317) 327-3522.